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OUR GIRLS ARE IN THE PINK

Dover's carnival court continued their fantastic year by storming to victory in the Sandwich carnival parade. First place was awarded to the princesses in three categories: junior queen of queens, junior princess pairs and rosebud queen. They also won second place in junior court of the day. Mandie Sehmbi, of Dover Carnival Association, said: 'This is a formidable team. Led by Miss Dover Loren Selby, the girls continue to wow the judges.' They will take part in Aylesham carnival on Saturday, starting at 3pm.

BY MARIJKE COX

PLANS to build Dover's £20 million community hospital in the town centre have been backed by Kent County Council.

After research by the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust, East Kent Hospitals Trust and Dover District Council, it was decided that a mid-town location, in the Maison Dieu car park next to Dover Health Centre, would be the most suitable site.

Although the plans must still be approved, a meeting of KCC's health overview and scrutiny committee on Friday made a strong recommendation that the scheme should go ahead.

Ann Sutton, chief executive of the primary care trust, said the mid-town location was "most achievable" and that work could start by July next year and be completed by 2011.

She also stressed that what was being put forward was not a polyclinic, but a community hospital with a full range of services.

Health committee chairman Geoffrey Horne said: "This facility will be completed by April 2011, with further expansion available."

"The central location should improve access for everyone and I hope it will be a jewel in the crown of Dover."

But campaigners from the New Hospital For Dover group say a town centre hospital is unsuitable – and Whitfield would provide a better location.

Chairman Reg Hansell said: "As we know from an engineering, infrastructure and access point of view, the mid-town site is totally inadequate."

"Whitfield would permit unlimited expansion in the future, which east Kent will need."

But health chiefs stated during discussions

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Jail for rapist caught by DNA eight years on

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A CUSTOMS officer has been jailed for 12 years for raping a single mother eight years ago.

Kelvin Bennett, 45, was caught after police took his DNA as part of an unrelated probe.

He was arrested in February this year on suspicion of raping a woman in Folkestone in December 2000 after cold-case detectives matched his genetic profile against a national police database.

Maidstone Crown Court heard Kent Police found a sample, provided following an unspecified allegation by his ex-partner in June 2007, was a "full match" against that of an alleged rape on December 9, 2000.

Bennett, from Birmingham, set upon the mother-of-one after grabbing her from behind as she walked to her mother's house. He was living in Dover at the time.

Sentencing him on Wednesday on rape and kidnap charges, Judge Philip Statman said: "This case illustrates every woman's worst fears."

And he told Bennett: "You must have thought as the years went by that you had escaped justice and, but for the re-evaluation of this case by this county's cold-case unit, you would have done so."

Screaming

Earlier in the court case, Bennett's victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had wept from behind a screen as she described how she walked home from her local pub.

She said: "I felt someone grab me from behind so I couldn't fight or break away. The next minute I was on the floor. I was trying to get up, but I couldn't because my legs were being held so I was struggling."

"I started screaming, hoping someone would hear me and come and help, but no one did. The next minute I was being put into the car and driven away. I was crying - I asked him what he was going to do."



PROBE: Kelvin Bennett was caught thanks to DNA collected for an unrelated investigation

The court heard how the woman, who was 21 at the time and is now 29, was attacked after pausing briefly to make a phone call to her boyfriend to tell him she loved him.

Shortly afterwards she was grabbed by Bennett, who had parked his car at the roadside.

She then screamed so loudly that it alerted two neighbours - at about 2.30am - who came out onto the dimly-lit street. But she was driven off before residents could investigate what was happening.

She described how she was taken to secluded countryside spots before being raped three times.

She said: "He climbed on top and he raped me. I was crying - he said he would have to kill me but I said 'Please let me go'."

She described her attacker as "a coloured man with a goatee beard and long black hair".

Prosecutor Cairns Nelson told the court Bennett was "a ladies' man" who enjoyed trawling nightspots to pick up women - but had to keep a low profile because of his job.

Bennett admitted having sex with the alleged victim, but he claimed after seeing a photo of her that he couldn't remember her.

KCC backing for hospital in town centre

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on Friday last week that this would take longer to develop.

Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser also attended the meeting and agreed with the central location.

He said: "I understand the attraction of Whitfield, but it would be more difficult to acquire, more expensive and would take longer to build."

"My first priority is that proposals are practical and deliverable. The central site, adjacent to Dover Health Centre, is most suitable."

"However, adequate parking and beds must be delivered and must not slip off the agenda."

But Charlie Elphicke, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, believes the primary care trust is not providing a hospital.

He said: "They're giving the people of Dover a polyclinic - not a hospital."

"They've decided on a central site with no beds and no emergency services. Dover deserves better than this."

"When looking at sites they have to be sure there is the ability to expand so a future government can bring in the services needed."

"Dover has suffered for years and we need to make sure this changes."

A further meeting is being held on Wednesday, September 17, at The Ark in Dover.

Don't be bashful, snap a squirrel

ENGLISH Heritage is offering an unusual deal at Walmer Castle - free entry if visitors manage to take a picture of an elusive white squirrel.

The shy creature has been seen by staff and visitors in the grounds, but so far no one has been able to catch it on camera.

Now English Heritage is enlisting the help of the public, and anyone who can get a picture of the squirrel will get their admission refunded.

Sally Mewton-Hynds, the site supervisor, said: "We have seen the squirrel lots of times, but it keeps on the move and by the time we grab a camera it has gone."

"We have christened it Bashful because it is shy, like its namesake in Snow White. We would love to have a picture of it."

"We are asking people to bring mobile phones or digital cameras when they visit and to keep a lookout in the gardens."

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A day of pride for Merchant heroes

BY MARIJKE COX

A MERCHANT Navy war memorial has been unveiled during a special service on Dover seafront to honour the thousands of seamen who died during the Second World War.

Some 300 people braved the wet weather to attend the service, which began with music from the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas and a procession of veterans with their standards.

Cllr Bernard Butcher, the chairman of Dover District Council, organised the service with the Kent branch of the Merchant Navy Association.

He said: "We are an island and as such are dependent on our Merchant Navy for much of our food and raw materials, especially in times of war.

"Without raw materials our industry and the war effort would have failed, resulting in this country being overrun by our enemies.

"Without these men, our world today would be very different. Many of my generation may never have been born.

"We have a lot to be thankful for, especially to the 33,000 merchant seamen who paid the ultimate price."

Winston Spencer Churchill, grandson of the wartime Prime Minister, unveiled the memorial and made a speech, concluding with a poem written by the chairman of the Dover and District Merchant Navy Memorial Fund, Donald Hunter.

Mr Hunter was instrumental in organising the setting up of the monument, which depicts a sailor looking out to sea.

Mr Churchill said: "It is no exaggeration to say that if it was not for the dedication and courage of these men, our island might have been forced into submission. Let us forever hold the memory of these heroic seafarers.

"I would like to quote the fine poem Mr Hunter has penned and had engraved upon the memorial.

"Look out to sea and say a prayer for those who rest



LEST WE FORGET: Standards are lowered as a mark of respect to the Merchant seamen who died in the Second World War

beneath. They gave their lives that you may share a Europe that is free."

Wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial by representatives from the Merchant Navy Association, the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Club, and the Prince of Wales Sea Training School in Dover.

Members of the Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans' Association, The Sailors' Society, the Green Beret and Royal Marines Association and the Royal British Legion also paid their respects.

Detectives rewarded after vicious robbers are snared

FOUR police officers have been commended for their work in catching three thugs who attacked and robbed a family in Deal.

Certificates of Merit were awarded by Kent Chief Constable Mike Fuller to Det Con Alistair Barr, Det Con Tony Hughes, Det Insp Kenny Ingram and Det Sgt Stephen Chapman during a ceremony at Kent Police headquarters.

In June 2007, three men broke into the Fox family home in Hawksdown Road, Walmer, where they beat the parents, threatened them with a handgun and stole cash, jewellery and vehicles worth £13,000.

Following an extensive investigation, an early arrest was made and the offenders were charged and jailed for a total of 24 years.

DI Ingram was the senior investigating officer on the case and responsible for co-ordinating the investigation.

He was congratulated for his management, professional conduct and commitment.

He said: "This was an excellent job and both teams of detectives I led were extremely professional in the way that they went about the investigation.

"There can be no doubt that they upheld the finest traditions of Kent Police. We were all delighted with the final result."

DC Barr and DC Hughes were described as "diligent" and "thorough" while helping to get crucial evidence which contributed to the success of the case.

DS Chapman was the on-call senior investigating officer and responsible for the management of the investigation and building the case.

He dealt with the presentation to the Crown Prosecution Service which led to the overall success.

Mr Fuller said: "The awards reflect exceptional service, including bravery, the highest standards of professionalism, commitment and outstanding work.

"I never fail to be inspired by the selflessness shown by the winners."

After the sentencing of the offenders, Mr Fox expressed his thanks to DS Chapman and the team for their "complete professionalism".

He said: "We shall always be grateful to them for their care and the consideration shown to us all."

In for a penny, if you're lucky enough with ferry booking

TRAVELLERS are being given the chance to sail to France for a penny with the SeaFrance Dover-Calais Ferries Treasure Hunt.

Every day between now and Monday, September 22, the company is scattering 100 crossings for just 1p throughout its website booking system.

To be in with a chance, customers should visit seafrance.com/pennysail and make a booking using the code SFPRI1P.

If you aren't one of the lucky ones to find a 1p crossing, fares start at £25 each way for a car and up to five passengers so there is still a chance to grab a bargain.

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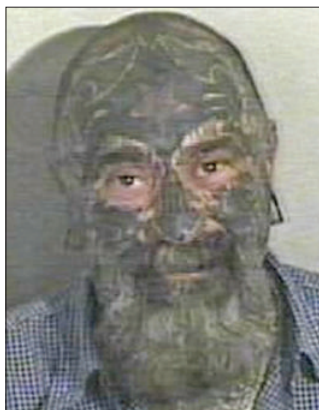
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TATTOO: William Ball has been jailed for ten years

Painted man locked up for sex attacks

A MAN who was once the most heavily tattooed in England has been jailed for 10 years for sexual abuse offences.

William Ball, 67, of The Downs, Preston, was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court.

He was convicted of six rapes and eight indecent assaults which took place more than 20 years ago.

Ball got his first tattoo aged 15 when he was looking for work as a circus performer and he has extensive body art on his face and bald head.

Ball has been placed on the sex offenders' register for life and he is banned from working with children.

Murder charge teen is kept in custody

A TEENAGER has appeared in court charged with the murder of a man found semi-conscious in the garden of a house near Deal.

Shane Penfold, 19, of Adelaide Road in Elvington, is alleged to have murdered 23-year-old Marc Brown.

The former factory worker spoke only to confirm his name at a brief hearing at Maidstone Crown Court.

Mr Brown, of Church Lane, was found with serious head injuries in the garden of a house in Great Mongeham on Friday, August 15, and died in a London hospital on Thursday, August 21.

Penfold was remanded in custody until his next hearing on November 17, when he is expected to enter a plea.

A provisional trial date has been set for February 16, 2009.

VOLUNTEERS PICK UP ON LITTER



Fifteen volunteers from Dover have pulled on their waders and helped clean up the River Dour.

Organised by the White Cliffs Countryside Project (WCCP), the group cleared out rubbish near Barton Path using equipment supplied by the Environment Agency.

Kirk Alexander, project manager for the WCCP, said: "We are grateful to them for supplying additional litter-pickers, waders and gloves to enable more people to join in the clean-ups of the River Dour."

"We are pleased that more local people are coming along on the litter clears and we have enough protective equipment for more people to join in."

The next litter clear-up is due to take place on Friday, September 26. For further details, phone the WCCP on 01304 241806.

Historic roll of arms is sold to British Library

BY MARIJKE COX

THE oldest surviving English roll of arms, which was produced in Dover in the 13th century, is to stay in the UK.

The Derring Arms, which depicts the coat of arms of medieval knights from Kent and Sussex, was bought by the British Library for £194,184.

It was auctioned in December 2007, but culture minister Margaret Hodge placed an export bar on the item, allowing the library to raise the money needed to acquire it.

The Derring Roll, which is about 2.6 metres long, contains 324 coats of arms beginning with two of King John's illegitimate children, Richard Fitz Roy and William de Say.

It was almost certainly produced in Dover in the last quarter of the 13th century.

In a study published in 1956, a medieval history scholar showed how the roll supplied a list of the knights owing feudal service to the constable of Dover Castle.

This led to the belief that the piece of art was commissioned by Stephen of Penchester, who served as constable at the castle from 1268 to 1299.

The roll later came into the ownership of the notable antiquary Sir Edward Derring, who acquired it during his time in the town serving as lieutenant of Dover Castle.

Claire Breay, head of medieval and earlier manuscripts at the British Library, said: "The

library holds an extensive collection of outstanding historical and heraldic manuscripts.

"The acquisition of the Derring Roll provides an extremely rare chance to add a manuscript of enormous local and national significance, which will greatly strengthen and complement its existing collection."

The British Library received a £100,000 National Heritage Memorial Fund grant, £40,000 from The Art Fund and £10,000 from the Friends of the National Libraries to help buy the Derring Roll.

David Barrie, director of The Art Fund, said: "This is the oldest English heraldic manuscript known and offers a fascinating insight into courtly life in the reign of Edward I."

"It is also a very appealing work of art which probably arose from one man's attempt to prove the noble ancestry of his own family."

Carole Souter, chief executive of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, said: "The Derring Roll provides a fascinating insight into the allegiances and loyalties that ruled the lives of the medieval aristocracy."

"The roll is the Who's Who for medieval knights and unusually gives two illegitimate royals pride of place."

The manuscript is on display in the Sir John Ritblat Gallery; Treasures of the British Library.



LONG LIST: More than 300 coats of arms are pictured



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Dig aims to unearth our Roman coastline

TEAMS leading a dig at Richborough Roman fort are looking to uncover the isle's Roman coastline.

The fort sat at the main port of entry to Britain 2,000 years ago, but the passing of time means it is now two miles from the sea.

However, previously untouched land is being excavated, with those carrying out the work hoping to discover more about the south of the isle's past.

Archaeologist Tony Wilmott said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will uncover some exciting new discoveries – who knows, perhaps even a ship – and that the dig will help us to widen our knowledge about the port and harbour area of the site."

"We are working around the fallen east wall, which collapsed at the foot of the hill next to the Deal to Margate railway. There are walls down there which look to have been standing

■ BY TOM BETTS

when the fort wall collapsed, which may well be upstanding to the harbour installations.

"It's basically where the coast was in Roman times. It was the official gateway to Britain in the Roman period."

In AD43 the site overlooked a sheltered lagoon where it is possible invading Roman forces first landed.

English Heritage believes that the original Roman coastline – which has never been found – can offer up secrets of the once-bustling port that was the main gateway to Roman Britain.

The dig, which began only recently, is taking place over the next few weeks.

It will focus on an area of the fort's collapsed east wall which has never been suitable for geophysics due to its close proximity to the railway line.

Mr Wilmott said: "As for the rest of the dig, we simply don't know what we will find. It's very early days, but we are here for five weeks until October 5, so we are very hopeful."

Team members will also take time out from their work to lead two tours around the site, taking in the town and the amphitheatre as well as the new excavations and any finds they have revealed in the process.

The 90-minute tours take place at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21.

Cost is £2.50 per person in addition to normal admission.

Numbers are limited to 30 on each tour, so you can pre-book by phoning 01304 612013 to secure a place.

The fort is open daily from 10am to 6pm until September 30. Admission is £4.20 for adults, £3.40 for concessions, £2.10 for children and £10.50 for a family ticket.

Entry is free for English Heritage members.

Robbers demanded cash in man's home

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a robbery at an address in High Street, Wingham, just before 5am on Wednesday last week.

A police spokesman said: "It is believed more than one offender entered the house and threatened the occupant demanding cash."

Anyone with information is asked to phone police on 01303 289180.

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GETTING STUCK IN: Tony Wilmott is hoping for some exciting new discoveries – 'who knows, perhaps even a ship'

Water good customer service

FOLKESTONE and Dover Water Services has been named as one of the best-performing water companies in England, according to a watchdog.

Figures released by the Consumer Council for Water (CCW) showed a 13 per cent reduction in the number of complaints made between 2006 and 2008 compared with a rise of 11 per cent in the industry overall.

Complaints made to Southern Water, for example, have risen more than 150 per cent over the last two years.

David Walton, managing director of FDWS, said: "It's good to see the achievements of our team acknowledged in this way, but we are not complacent and intend to develop even higher standards of service."

Almost all complaints made at the company are dealt with within ten days, with only

one taking longer than that in the past year.

Independent research into customer views is also carried out, as well as close co-operation with CCW.

Mr Walton said: "We ensure customer views are taken into account in our planning and we actively seek to build good relations with customers. Our most recent research shows customers giving a high priority to the development of an environmentally friendly and sustainable water supply."

"We will be working closely with our customers on water saving and water efficiency and will be encouraging them to save money by reducing their use of water and energy."

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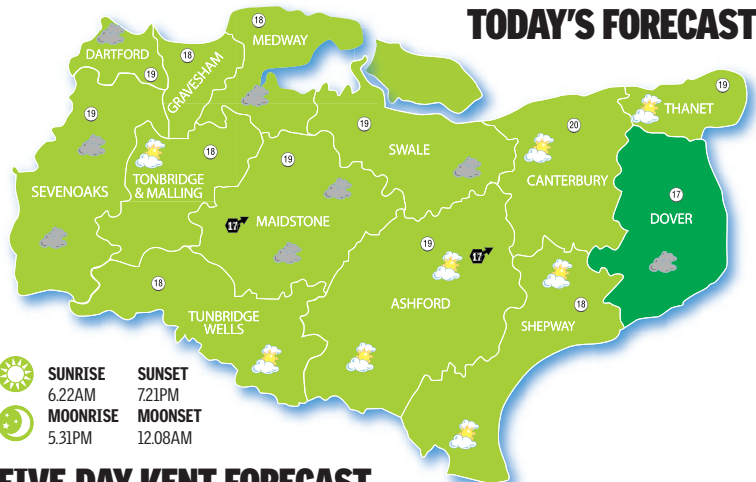


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	Sunday	10:06am	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:55am	5.9m
	Sunday	9:53am	6.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:48am	4.0m
	Sunday	10:36am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:12am	4.6m
	Sunday	11:19am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:14am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:19am	4.8m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	18°C	Madrid	27°C
Athens	33°C	New York	26°C
Barcelona	24°C	Paris	19°C
Beijing	25°C	Rome	30°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	13°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	15°C	Tokyo	29°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	18°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	18°C
Las Palmas	26°C	Wellington	12°C

Security fears over plan to privatise Priory Court

CUSTOMS officers have asked for support from MP Gwyn Prosser to help stop the privatisation of security at Priory Court in Dover. Management at HM Revenue and Customs wants to privatise security functions of its service across the UK, but the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union fears a negative outcome on national security.

Keith Mount, PCS assistant branch secretary, said: "We are extremely disappointed at HMRC's decision to privatise the jobs of our security members within Priory Court."

"We are concerned that this change could seriously impact on national security – we do not believe it will result in any real savings and we have asked our MP, Gwyn Prosser, to put our concerns to the minister."

Mr Prosser, who is a founder member of the Parliamentary PCS Group in the House of Commons, has lent his support and written to Treasury Minister Jane Kennedy.

He said: "Everyone knows that private security companies do not have a particularly good reputation."

"The special functions and operations carried out in Priory Court make it imperative the highest level of security is retained."

Port that's on a roll

SOME three million people will take their cars through the Port of Dover this year, making it one of the world's busiest ferry terminals.

Figures were revealed following a survey carried out by drivers taking their cars to the Continent this summer.

Bob Goldfield, chief executive at the Port of Dover, said: "It's clear that passengers are opting for the value for money offered by taking the car abroad, and are turning their backs on the stresses of air travel in favour of a more relaxed enjoyable experience."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

GEOFF SIMPSON



Q Tell us how the memorial came about

A Geoffrey Page was a 20-year-old Hurricane pilot who was shot down during the Battle of Britain and very badly burned. Years later, he realised there was no national memorial to The Few and founded the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust. In July 1993, Geoffrey was able to watch as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opened the Memorial. Geoffrey died in 2000, but the trust continues his work to ensure new generations understand the heroism displayed in 1940 by the airmen and all who supported them.

Q Why was the site chosen?

A Could anywhere be more appropriate than the cliffs over which so much of the fighting took place?

Q Who was behind the sculpture, and where did the replica aircraft come from?

A The sculptor was Harry Gray and he has said: "The figure of a young pilot in a seated pose reflects the youth of those who flew in the battle, suggesting contemplation and vigilance rather than aggression and combat. It refers also to the fact that the pilots faced death alone."

It is also important that the rank of the airman is not visible. He could be a ser-

geant... he could be a squadron leader.

We felt it was important to have full-sized replicas of the two main RAF planes which fought in the battle. They are both based on particular aircraft. In the case of the Hurricane it is Little Willie, of 56 Squadron, which Geoffrey Page was flying when he was shot down.

Q How do the veterans feel when they see the wall with the names on it - and indeed the whole site?

A We hear many comments from veterans who are delighted they are remembered. This year, at the annual Memorial Day, Flight Lieutenant William Walker, a Spitfire pilot shot down over Dover, read a poem he had written called Our Wall. It starts: 'Here inscribed the names of friends we knew/Young men with whom we often flew...' And concludes: 'Many now lie in sacred graves/And many rest beneath the waves/Outnumbered every day they flew/Remembered here as just The Few'.

More and more relatives come to find the name of a member of their family - we see so many standing at the wall deep in thought.

Q Have you any major plans for a 70th anniversary in two years' time?

A Memorial Day will be a very special occasion in 2010 and the planning has started. In addition, The Memorial Trust

has asked me to write a book with a Battle of Britain theme and Richard Hunting, chairman of the trust, has financed a researcher to help me. We are making good progress and I hope it will present the Battle from rather a new angle.

Q What has been the most memorable experience for you in your work there?

A In acting as a trustee and honorary public relations adviser, the chance to meet so many of The Few and to be able to coax out of them their memories of the summer and autumn of 1940.

Q How is the fund-raising going?

A Many people have been very generous over the years, but the Memorial Trust always needs new funds to develop the National Memorial site and ensure remains for all time. This year's major fund-raising event was the Royal Gala performance at the London Palladium on Sunday [September 7].

Q Have you any future plans for the memorial?

A We want to make steady progress in attracting new visitors, but the National Memorial will never be a theme park. We will shortly be installing touch-screens to provide a range of information.

QA The man with the job of promoting the Battle of Britain Memorial on the cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne tells reporter Nick Ames how the memorial came about, how it is kept in good condition and plans for the future



Eastern and Coastal Kent

Trialling extended hours for X-Ray services at the Folkestone NHS Walk-in Centre

The NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is pleased to inform you about a temporary extension of availability and opening hours of X-Ray services at Folkestone NHS Walk-in Centre, part of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Radnor Park Avenue.

The extended X-Ray service is available now for three extra hours in the weekday evenings and all day Saturday to test the demand and impact of providing extended X-Ray department opening hours.

The temporary service is available six days a week until **Saturday 18th October 2008**

The opening hours during this trial period are:

Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm / Saturday 9am - 5pm

To access this service you will need to receive an X-Ray as part of your treatment when visiting the Walk-in Centre.

It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients an opportunity to have an X-Ray at a more convenient time. After the 12 week trial period the number of people using the extended services will be assessed to see if the extended hours should be made permanent.

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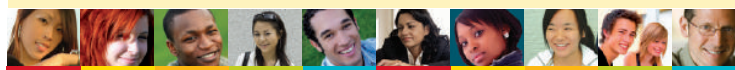
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We're totally up for it, say McFly

EXCLUSIVE

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

POP group McFly agreed to headline a charity concert for wounded soldiers in Kent next weekend to show their support for the bravery of our troops.

The four-piece band – singer Tom Fletcher, guitarist Danny Jones, bassist Dougie Poynter and drummer Harry Judd – say they deeply admire the bravery and sacrifice of our men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The band, who have had seven number one singles and two number one albums, said the Day For Heroes event in front of an expected 35,000 fans at the County Showground, Detling, is the perfect way to show their appreciation.

Dougie said: "We're looking forward to it. Anything like that we're totally up for – we never let anything like that down. You're talking to the world's biggest wimps, so what the soldiers are doing over there is absolutely amazing."

The band tops a bill including Nik Kershaw, the Counterfeit Stones, Ultimate Earth, Wind and Fire and Bob Marley tribute act Legend.

Dougie said he was a big fan of anything to do with the reggae master.

He said: "I was listening to Bob Marley yesterday actually. He was amazing and I'll definitely look forward to checking that out."

There will also be an appearance by Jeff Silbar, co-writer of the ballad *Wind Beneath My Wings*. He will perform the song with soul diva Jocelyn Brown.

Its chorus of "Did you ever know you're my hero?" has become an anthem for the charity.



ON THE MARCH: McFly – 'the world's biggest wimps' – jumped at the chance to headline the County Showground gig

Also confirmed to appear are the Minden Band, a 30-piece military band, a nine-piece pop band and an 18-piece swing band.

After McFly's headline appearance in Maidstone the band will prepare for a UK tour, starting in Sheffield on November 7 and ending in Liverpool on November 29.

Dougie said: "We're up and down the country on tour doing God knows what, so good times."

"I pack a massive suitcase because I get through so many clothes. Then once it's over I'm going to have a massive dinner, sleep for a week and search for the sun in Australia or somewhere."

The Detling concert on Sunday, September 21, will run from noon until 10pm and be com-

pered by Maidstone-born actor Shaun Williamson and TV presenter Cheryl Baker, who is from Sevenoaks. It has been organised by Help For Heroes, a charity which supports wounded servicemen and women.

Advance tickets cost £25 for adults, £14 for children aged six to 12, and £5 for the under-fives. A family ticket for two adults and two children will only be available by advance booking for £70.

Tickets on the gates will be £30 for adults, £18 for children aged six to 12 and £5 for under-fives. There will be food stalls and a picnic area in the grounds.

For more details on the event and to buy advance tickets, visit www.daysforheroes.com.



NIK KERSHAW: "This is about people, not politics"

Wouldn't it be good to hear Nik's tunes?

EIGHTIES chart-topper Nik Kershaw will be adding a touch of nostalgia to the Day For Heroes event.

He became a huge star in the early 1980s with hits such as *I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me* and *Wouldn't It Be Good*.

He also wrote Chesney Hawkes' 1991 smash hit *The One and Only*, which became one of the most successful singles of the decade.

Kershaw, 50, is keen to support the event, which is raising funds for charity Help For Heroes. Launched last year, it provides support for wounded servicemen and women.

"Regardless of opinions, they [the armed forces] are out there," he said.

"It's not about politics, it's about people. They're over there fighting on my behalf and it's the least I can do."

He has continued to work as a songwriter and recording artist, but will be reviving his hits to get the crowds dancing on Sunday, September 21, at the County Showground, Detling.

The industry has changed a great deal in the last 20 years, but Kershaw does not fear for the future of music.

"I think it's facing its biggest challenge, but only to the commercial side of making music," he said. "Music will always be made because people have it in them."



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CHALLENGE: Val Walton will run the Shepway group

Partnership to nurture children's life chances

■ BY NICK AMES

CHILDREN'S services across the county have entered into new partnerships in a bid to work more closely together.

Now a total of 23 new local children's services partnerships will combine representatives from Kent County Council services, schools, social care, district councils, health and the police, as well as other voluntary services and agencies who work with children.

The move is part of a national programme of reform to improve the health, safety and learning of all children and young people.

It will be overseen by the Kent Children's Trust.

KCC's managing director of children, families and education, Graham Badman, chairs

the trust and the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Venner, is deputy chairman.

Mr Badman said: "The new partnerships will not only make a difference to the way services for children work together in Kent but most importantly for children and young people themselves.

"They will strengthen the networks between agencies to help ensure each individual child receives the care and attention they need.

"The most vulnerable children in our society must be given the highest priority and these new arrangements will help to do this."

The local partnerships will be led by a local children's services partnership manager.



Val Walton and Stephen Smith are set to run the Shepway group. Their first responsibility will be to develop a local children and young people's plan based on local needs.

Ms Walton said: "I am looking forward to developing even further our work with other agencies supporting children, young people and their families.

"We have identified seven priorities to be working on that have been identified with the help of children and parents themselves.

"The new partnerships present an exciting challenge to us all in the coming months."

KCC cabinet member for children, families and education standards, Cllr Leyland Ridings, said: "This is a hugely significant moment in the development of our children's trust arrangements and our ambition to improve the wellbeing and life chances for Kent children and young people. I know the partnerships will have a successful future."

Our cops hop across the Channel

POLICE officers from Kent have crossed the English Channel as part of a major crackdown on speeding British tourists and business travellers on French roads.

Three officers took a trip to the Continent to work with the Gendarmerie Nationale in a road safety exercise aimed at preventing accidents involving British motorists.

Two traffic officers and a linguist took part in the exchange which came about because of concerns voiced by the Prefect of the Pas de Calais about the high number of speeding British motorists in northern France.

Based mostly at motorway tolls and service areas south of Calais, the gendarmes focused on GB motorists as they checked vehicle condition, examined driving documents and looked for safety devices carried in cars which include high-visibility vests

and a warning triangle – mandatory on French roads. About 200 vests were given out to motorists who were unaware of this aspect of French highway law.

Chief Inspector Roscoe Walford said: "We worked alongside the gendarmerie to give and receive road safety advice, learn good practice, help with language difficulties, promote our Travelling Abroad web page and observe French procedures.

"We can always learn something from our colleagues across local, regional and national borders and they can learn from us.

"We work closely with our French colleagues in relation to serious and organised crime and this cross-border road safety operation is a natural next step in that process."

Kent Police will host officers from the Gendarmerie Nationale in a similar operation

later this month.

Deputy head of the gendarmerie traffic department for the Pas de Calais, Lt Patrick Vanderstraeten, said: "Many citizens of EU countries use our roads either to travel to a holiday or business destination within France or are en route to another country.

"It is only right that drivers in a foreign country should take responsibility for their safety by obeying the rules of the road.

"Failure to keep to the speed limit has led to four deaths and 13 injuries on the motorways of the Nord Pas de Calais this year. Half of the speeding offences detected at more than 200kph (125mph) in this area have been committed by British drivers."

"The fact that you may be travelling in a foreign country should not cause you to be careless with your life."

Airing your views on travellers' sites

RESIDENTS are being urged to give their views on plans for new camping sites for gypsies and other travellers.

The South East England Regional Assembly has launched a public consultation on its 10-year target for areas which would be available to travellers as campsites.

It wants views on how spaces should be sited across the South East, including Kent.

More than 1,200 new spaces are planned for the region, which reaches as far as Buckinghamshire.

Assembly member Cllr Moira Gibson said: "After years of uncertainty over making space for gypsies and travellers, councils now have a duty to provide new spaces in a bid to cut homelessness and reduce illegal camping.

"We want to hear everyone's opinion on the new plans."

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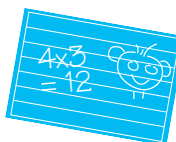
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Rebecca Andrews, 22, of St Richard's Walk, is taking on a foundation degree in childhood studies with PE at Canterbury Christ Church University.



The programme, which is being run in conjunction with the Kent Advisory Service, aims to give her the tools to boost young people's interest in sport.

Rebecca (pictured left), a teaching assistant at St Edmund's School in Dover,

said: "PE has such an effect on the whole curriculum and is crucial for children."

Paul Carney, the university's subject leader for PE, said: "This programme addresses a real need to develop PE expertise in schools."

"The foundation degree recognises the achievements of those working with young people and allows participants to continue working full-time."

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BREAK TIME

Welcome aboard the freedom bus

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE Kent Freedom Pass roadshow has paid a visit to Dover to tell pupils and parents all about the young person's travel scheme.

The roadshow bus pulled up in Market Square and members of the Kent Youth County Council were on hand to answer questions about the pass.

The county council introduced the Kent Freedom Pass in the district in June 2007, allowing young people in Dover the freedom to travel on any public bus service at any time for a flat fee of £50 a year.

Following its success, the initiative is being extended across four more districts.

By next year, pupils aged between seven and 11 in Canterbury, Maidstone, Shepway, Tunbridge Wells, Dover, Tonbridge and Malling will all have access to it.

Cllr Keith Ferrin, cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, said: "I am pleased parents and pupils throughout the Dover district can benefit from the Kent Freedom Pass."

"It has been an all-round success, giving young people more flexibility to travel, as well as reducing congestion and pollution."

Oliver Rowlinson, of the Kent Youth County Council, said: "It has taken a couple of years, but we always saw this as a top priority."

"We acted on it, went to the cabinet and told KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter that young people find travelling by bus too expensive. He came back with the Kent Freedom Pass."

"We looked at the scheme and decided it was a good idea."



TICKET TO RIDE: Cllr Keith Ferrin, flanked by youth council members Oliver Rowlinson and Daniel Ullyet

Daniel Ullyet, another youth council member, said: "The feedback we have from young people is that it has been very helpful and is also saving them a lot of money."

The youth council hopes 12,000 pupils will be using the pass by October.

Application forms can be found in schools across the district. More information is available at www.kent.gov.uk/kentfreedompass.

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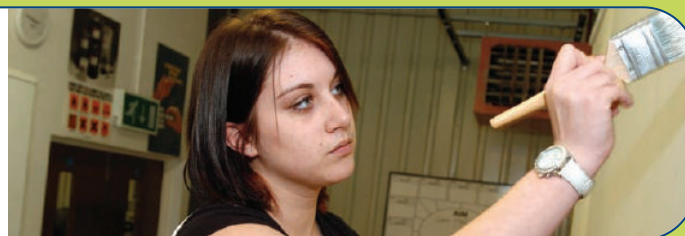
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The Manchester mud is a long way from Copacabana beach

WITH the Premiership about to resume after the annoying inconvenience of a couple of England fixtures, there's one game that really catches the eye this weekend – Manchester City v Chelsea.

I don't suppose too many people at the start of the season would have thought anything involving the less famous team from the city that gave us Boddington's would be of any real interest.

But Citteh (as they are known to true fans) have gone and got themselves bought by a sheik who makes Roman Abramovich look like a bit of a skint.

So, the newly nouveau rich will take on the slightly older new money in a battle of the bank balances at Eastlands.

City struck the first blow in the cash war when they nabbed long-term Chelsea target Robinho from Real Madrid.

The Sky Blues are being compared to Chelsea in the days following Abramovich's

arrival. But I think the parallels between the clubs can be best illustrated if you look at Chelsea in the summer of 1995.

At that time – resplendent in an "amber and graphite" (orange and grey) away strip – they hadn't won anything of note since 1971 but managed, through the contacts of then manager Glenn Hoddle, to land dreadlocked Dutch superstar Ruud Gullit, a one-time world player of the year.

He looked a little out of place in a team boasting players such as David Lee, Terry Phelan, Scott Minto, Paul Furlong and Mark Stein. And he seemed frankly bewildered when partnering Eddie Newton in midfield or playing as a sweeper behind Frank 'What's he doing?' Sinclair.

A little bit of class was added that summer when Mark Hughes – coincidentally now City manager – joined.

But for the most part the Dutch maestro found himself – from his debut in a friendly at Gillingham through to an FA Cup semi-final defeat by Manchester United – trying to come to terms with the shortcomings of a journey-

man outfit. City have some class players – former Chelsea man Shaun Wright-Phillips and Brazilian Jo – so Robinho won't have to do it all himself. But he is going to a club which has won nothing for years and struggled through the first round of the UEFA Cup.

He will certainly notice the difference between Manchester and Madrid. So the question for people who follow the game has to be: what happens next?

If Robinho succeeds, others will follow – just as the likes of Vialli, Zola and de Matteo were attracted to Chelsea by Gullit.

But what if it all implodes? After all, who was the last South American to really make an impact in English football?

Roque Santa Cruz has done well, Gus Poyet was consistent, Tino Asprilla was good for about five minutes, but Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles were the last people from that part of the world to be really big players in our game.

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YOUR LETTERS

Partial preservation is the way to go

REGARDING the story concerning the harbour branch railway line and the campaign launch (Yourshepway, August 27), I suggest full preservation of the old line may be a nice idea but extremely unlikely to happen, given that Mr DeHaan owns most of the harbour area now anyway.

Firstly, local people voted nine to one in favour of Mr DeHaan's entire seafront, knowing it would mean the removal of the line.

These plans may be on hold at the moment due to the credit crunch, but that's all. The financial situation also makes the line a non-starter anyway.

Once things improve, or even before then, it is the DeHaan development of the entire site that will undoubtedly go ahead.

So it's far more sensible to conserve only what can be saved of the line. This should include, for instance, the signal box and parts of the station as examples, along with the stone Neptune-headed monolith.

These could be resited, perhaps on the old East Station site, alongside a museum of the line there, the latter including the history of all of Shepway's railway system. Adding a platform at that site may also facilitate further steam and other visits.

None of this requires the whole line to be preserved.

The First World War trails, pier café and memorial could also be done without the rest of the old line.

Folkstone West station, where the troops detrained, would play a more prominent part, and I hear that a room in the redeveloped station may be used for something on these lines.

As regards the port, the plan for conventional vessels again appears to be a non-starter, with LD Lines already having rejecting it and going to Dover.

A fast-craft-only service might be possible, but not unless firms like Speedferries, currently operating from Dover, think it would pay.

Finally, I've heard some disturbing news about the group's committee. Apparently the initial chairman and another member were removed after a meeting at which neither were present, the former being 'offered' the post of president. He, rightly, refused this.

Despite the changes – and like it or not – I suggest the group will have to rethink its objectives if any of the old line is to be conserved.

Ray Duff
Folkstone

Chemical smells are not all from France

I HAVE before me the blogger's article headlined 'Let's return Le Stink with our unique county pong' (Yourshepway, July 13) which will give ill-informed readers the impression that all chemicals in the atmosphere above Kent – and which give rise to a most unpleasant odour – originate on the other side of the Channel. That is not the case.

On August 14 I travelled from Dover to Canterbury, then back, along the A2. Both journeys were unpleasant on account of a foul smell which came from a field on the west side of the A2 about three miles from Canterbury, following the application of waste of one kind or another.

I reported the matter to a council environmental officer and the gentleman suggested it was very likely that waste from a paper mill had been applied to the field.

The gentlemen made this suggestion because he was aware paper mill waste is probably the

worst kind if judged by odour.

I have detected pig waste in this area on many an occasion while resident here and I have no doubt that most of the smells originated in Kentish agricultural fields.

Residents of Canterbury will know that a centrally-located leather factory gave rise to most unpleasant odours for four decades or more, but thankfully the site has been redeveloped.

Lionel S Gay
Dover

Hospital should be sited in Whitfield

A WONDERFUL opportunity is about to be missed by the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust at its board meeting on Wednesday, September 17.

It is highly likely the board will decide to build a community 'hospital' without beds in Maison Dieu in the centre of Dover town.

The other site considered was at Whitfield, which would have enabled the community 'hospital' to expand and be the foundation stone for a general hospital in the future, which both Dover and east Kent will need.

The Maison Dieu site is landlocked before it has even been completed and will not be adequate for this eventually. It is a very restricted site on a congested one-way system, and currently a car park which Dover needs.

Parking and traffic will be a major problem in Dover during construction and future years.

Access to the community 'hospital' will be difficult and time-consuming. Parking, traffic and access should be of prime consideration.

The Whitfield site answers all the questions that should be addressed and has not been properly investigated – which it should have been.

The PCT should not be entrusted

with this final decision and the Government, if it's listening, should be involved if a monumental missed opportunity is not to be the result.

Reg Hansell
Chairman, New Hospital For Dover

Wildlife is much better than lorries

IT is good to see wildlife is flourishing on the top of the White Cliffs, as you reported last week.

But how different the whole area would have been if plans for a massive lorry park were approved. Instead of orchids we would have HGVs and instead of the perfume of flowers we would have the pollution of vehicle exhausts.

So full marks for local people and environmental groups who stood up to these proposals and showed the developers that their plans were unwelcome.

Neil Thompson
Capel-le-Ferne

Knock it all down and start again

SO Dover town council wants ideas to boost tourism, does it? Well, I have one, or maybe two.

Clean up the high street and town centre, knock down all the hideous concrete buildings, get rid of the charity shops – and open some welcoming bars and cafés.

How's that for starters? And while they're at it – scrap the nonsensical cable-car idea which will make the historic castle look like a site in Disneyland.

Alan Walsh
Dover

Teaching us all a lesson about effort

WELL done to the teacher who set up her own classes after the

Westbrook House prep school closed, to the disappointment of so many. It is heartening to see someone prepared to take responsibility when something like this happens and so many children and their parents are affected.

Best wishes to Rosie Lagure and her new school.

Rosalind Davies
Folkstone

It's obvious the hedges will grow

WITH all the rain, you'd think the council would realise pavements will get overgrown by weeds sprouting from hedges. Yet they seem to have ignored this problem which makes many pathways so overgrown that people are forced to walk in the road. This may not be a problem in quiet country lanes, but it is along stretches of the A20.

Helen Anderson
Smeth

Animal efforts are exceptional at park

YET again I feel applause is due to the efforts of the Aspinall Foundation when it comes to assisting in the preservation of endangered species. I went to see the snow leopards featured in the paper last week and they were truly a sight to behold.

Tina Hamilton
Dover

Good luck to the Channel rocket man

BEST of luck to Yves Rossy in his attempt to cross the Channel in a rocket. In these days of health and safety, it is good to see someone willing to take a risk.

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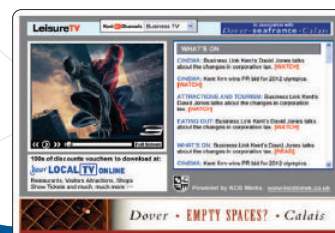
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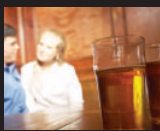
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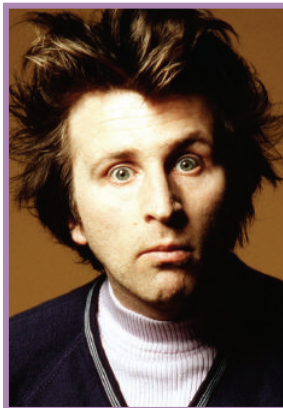
CHUCKLES, chortles and laughs will resound around the seaside town when the Whitstable Winkle Comedy Festival gets under way.

Big names in the world of comedy will be heading for the Kent coast next week, ready to entertain audiences in relatively small venues. Headliners include Hattie Hayridge, Dominic Holland, Paul Foot, Richard Herring, Paul Tonkinson and many more. Acclaimed poet and wit John Hegley's two shows have both sold out already, but there are plenty more tempting prospects on offer.

The festival is the brain child of dentist Ashley Watson and former stand-up comic Steve Graham, who decided Whitstable would be the perfect spot for a comedy festival about 18 months ago. With a lot of hard work they got together the £20,000 needed to make the event a reality, which includes a £1,000 Make It Happen grant from Canterbury council.

"We thought Whitstable would be so right because you can walk everywhere," Mr Graham said. "We found about 50 venues we could have used. It was something we really wanted to do for the sake of the town."

At first attracting big names to the inaugural event was not easy, but once they started spreading the word, comics were ready to be beside the seaside.



FUNNY MEN: Pappy's Fun Club and Milton Jones are just two of the acts ready to make you laugh

"With any new event, acts always ask who else is on board," Mr Graham said. "Phil Jupitus rents a flat in the town on a regular basis, but he is going to be filming in America during the festival. However, when I spoke to Mark Arden, he had just spoken to Phil and then Steve Frost, Mark's friend, agreed to do it. We spoke to a booking agent who started putting the word out and all the names we wanted became available at reasonable prices."

There is a diverse range of acts on offer during the four-day festival, from a ladies only bill at the East Quay Bar on Thursday featuring Hattie Hayridge, Zoe Lyons and compere Hils Barker, to the surreal Pappy's Fun Club at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre on Friday.

Other comedians taking part include Richard Coughlan, Adam

Bloom, Otiz Cannelloni, Mitch Benn, Milton Jones, Patrick Monahan, Stephen Frost and the Improv Players and many more.

There will also be live music after gigs at some of the bigger venues and some tickets include the chance to party at the East Quay until late into the night. A film screening of Sarah Silverman's *Jesus is Magic* will be preceded by a very special opening film, while contributors to the Funny Art! show include Harry Hill.

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Davidson proved he could be a successful family entertainer as the host of popular TV shows The Generation Game and Big Break. But the bestselling author and actor consistently attracts controversy for his stand-up material and his turbulent private life.

He was evicted from Hell's Kitchen after apparently making homophobic remarks towards fellow contestant Brian Dowling. But he remains a popular comedian who often entertains the British Forces abroad. In 1999 he founded The British Forces Foundation, with the aim of thanking servicemen and women on the country's behalf.

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A DAY FOR HEROES

Sunday, September 21
Kent Showground, Detling



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While enjoying the live music, funfair rides and military-based attractions, such

as aircraft simulators and an inflatable army assault course, visitors will be helping to raise money for a good cause.

Help for Heroes was launched last year so ordinary people can find a practical way to support wounded servicemen and women.

The many other acts joining McFly on the bill include Nik Kershaw, Counterfeit Stones, Ultimate Earth Wind & Fire, the 30-piece military Minden Band and Jeff Silbar and soul diva Jocelyn Brown, singing the touching Wind Beneath My Wings.

The event runs from noon until 10pm and the entry price includes all the music, funfair rides and military attractions.

Advance tickets cost £25 for adults, £14 for children aged six to 12, £5 for under-fives. On the gate tickets will cost £30, £18 and £5 respectively. Advance family tickets cost £70. To book visit www.daysforheroes.com.



DOVER LEISURE

Take a tour of churches and help to raise funds

PUT your best foot forward or get pedalling to take part in the Friends of Kent Churches annual sponsored bike ride and walk.

The event, which has been running for more than 20 years, will be held between 10am and 6pm on Saturday. More than 700 churches will be involved, many offering refreshments.

To help you plan your route and for more details, see the list participating at www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk.

Summer carnival fun day to go with a bang

THERE will be plenty to entertain the whole family during this year's Aylesham Summer Carnival on Saturday.

The carnival procession will be starting at 3pm, to finish at about 5pm and there will be lots of entertainment throughout the day including Manning's Fun Fair, car boot sale, traditional village fete, grand carnival draw, firework display at 9pm and much more.

For full details of the day's itinerary and to enter visit the website at www.ayleshamcarnival.co.uk.

Plenty of room at the inn for independent music

INDIE and rock music fans can hear classic hits played live at the Park Inn in Park Place, Dover, this week.

On Friday the pub plays host to Zero Tolerance, a four-piece that performs a variety of tunes from all eras. More information about the Folkestone-based band is at www.zerotolerancelive.co.uk.

For more details about the venue call 01304 203300.

Classic rockers are on target for a great night

ANYONE who enjoys rocking out to classic hits should head down to The Archer in Whitfield this weekend.

Zambu, a four-piece classic rock band, will be performing at the pub in Sandwich Road on Saturday.

For more information about the venue or gig call The Archer on 01304 825890.

Hear sample tracks by the band at www.zambu.co.uk.

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Superstore will charm you with DVD discounts

RE-LIVE the antics of Carrie Bradshaw and her devilish pals with box sets of Sex and the City on DVD.

Tesco is selling each of the six seasons for just £13 each, down from £19.99, the recommended retail price.

More female capers are to be found in Charmed, the popular supernatural series which is also on DVD. Series box sets at Tesco are going for £47.97 down from £59.99, so now is a great time to watch the hocus pocus for yourself.

Visit www.tesco.com for these and other bargains.

Be a top shopper when you wrap up in a coat

TOPSHOP'S sale is sure to thrill the girls as the cold weather draws in.

Star buys include a black washed cotton mac, perfect for keeping out the autumn rain £25, at half price down from £50. A stone colour trench coat, a stylish addition to any wardrobe with toggle fastening and belt, is now just £15, down from £55. A little different is a shiny, short-sleeved parka, with zip fastening, £25 down from £50.

Swing by your nearest store or see www.topshop.com.

Computer fans will be game for these deals

THE deals of the week section at Gamestation's website is always worth a moment of any gamers' time.

Games currently the subject of bargain offers include Halo 3 on the Xbox 360 for £14.99 and Sega Superstars Tennis on the Nintendo Wii for £9.99.

The Orange Box, a frantic shoot 'em up game, will retail at £19.99 on the Xbox 360 when it is released in mid October.

See www.gamestation.co.uk or visit the store in Biggin Street, Dover.

Accessory store aims to hold you up in style

BELT up at Monsoon Accessorize. The chain is offering all you could ever need in the way of holding up your trousers.

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ROCKNROLLA (15)



Guy Ritchie returns to the streets of London, but he needn't have bothered. RocknRolla is of fleeting style and no substance. Old school mobster and foul-mouthed bigot Lenny Cole has visions of grandeur and is keen to forge business ties with a shady Russian billionaire. Unfortunately, the investment money is part of a get rich scheme orchestrated by a sexy accountant and some petty thieves.

DISASTER MOVIE (15)



When you've hit bottom and the last glimmer of hope has disappeared, the only way is up, isn't it? Apparently not. Disaster Movie, from the writers-directors of Meet the Spartans, lives up to its name. Lacklustre dance moves and questionable look-alikes, Disaster Movie opens with a humourless prologue set in 10,001 BC, then jumps to present day where the fun never begins.

THE STRANGERS (15)



A battle of wits between a young couple and three masked strangers who invade their home in the dead of night, this is a riveting edge-of-seat thriller. An impressive first effort from director Bryan Bertino, who never identifies the attackers enacting their despicable plan almost without exchanging a single word, except for a chilling final remark.

Costumed in tragedy

BY SARAH O'MEARA

MONTHS of being sewn in and out of 18th century corsets have clearly taken their toll on Keira Knightley.

The 23-year-old Pirates of The Caribbean star arrived for this interview in what looks like a full-length frilly black nightie.

Keira clearly learned one thing from portraying infamous 18th century socialite Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, in her latest film *The Duchess* – that she needs to take full advantage of her modern right to breathe.

"The costumes were completely fantastic because Georgiana was a very famous fashion icon. But they weren't particularly comfortable," she says frankly.

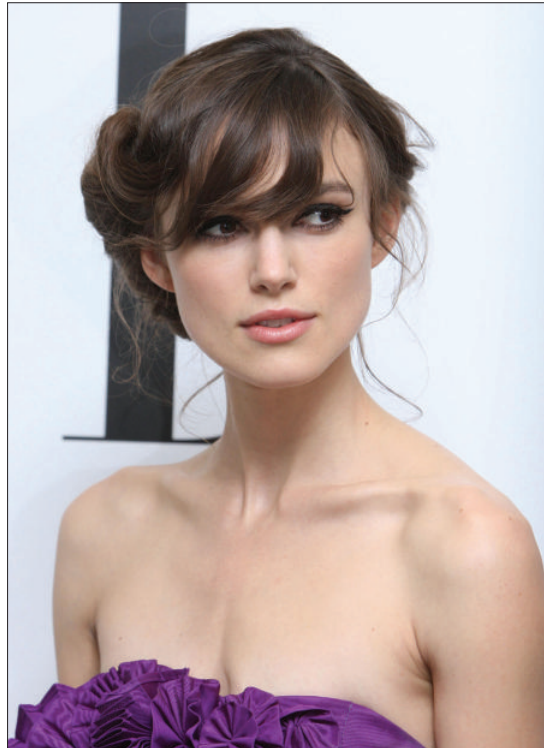
"In a corset you can't catch your breath. It means your emotions are heightened because you can't calm down."

Considering she plays an aristocrat whose glamorous, yet tragic, life has led her to be compared with the late Princess of Wales, this was not such a bad thing.

Author Amanda Foreman is largely responsible for bringing the duchess' life back into the spotlight, thanks to a biography she wrote in 1998.

Details about her husband's infidelity, her trend-setting outfits, affair with future prime minister Lord Grey and eventual menage-a-trois with her husband and former best friend Lady Bess Foster, proved sensational reading and the book was an instant hit.

The film version stars Keira Knightley along with Ralph Fiennes as the Duke, Dominic Cooper (*The History Boys* and *Mamma Mia*) as her lover Lord Grey and Hayley Atwell (*The*



BEAUTY: Keira Knightley appreciates breathing after having to wear a corset

Line Of Beauty) as Bess.

Although the film's producers are hoping that linking Diana, Princess of Wales with her great-great-great-aunt Georgiana will help attract large audiences, Keira says she didn't play on the connection.

"I was 11 when Diana died. I knew when I was going into it that she was a distant relation but that's as far as my knowledge went. I was making a film about

Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire and I think she's an interesting enough person to warrant a film about her, without comparison."

The beautiful and charismatic Georgiana was married at 17 to the Duke of Devonshire – a man more interested in sleeping with the maids and playing with his dogs than his new wife – and for many years she was unable to bear him an heir.

Her husband ignored her as a

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result and her dreams of a fairy-tale life gradually died.

But despite her personal problems, the young duchess won the heart of English society, and only the Duke seemed immune to her appeal.

"When I read the script the first thing that struck me was how incredibly lonely this woman was," says Keira.

"She was constantly surrounded by so many people and yet entirely alone. I think she just tried to grab on to any kind of love and attention she could possibly get."

Naturally enthusiastic and intelligent, Georgiana became involved in politics and eventually fell in love with the future Prime Minister, Lord Grey.

But despite having to accept her husband's mistress in a humiliating and extremely public menage-a-trois, her love for Grey was forbidden by the Duke.

"The whole journey for her is one from idealism to reality – she gets broken down. She couldn't have lived with herself if she'd gone off with Grey and given up her kids."

"I don't know if it has a happy ending but I think she survives and that can only be positive."



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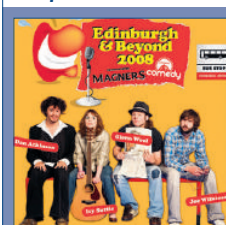
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YOUR TV REVIEW

HOW CLEAN IS YOUR HOUSE?
Channel 4, 8.30pm, Wednesday
HARRY AND PAUL
BBC 1, 9pm, Friday

■ BY TOM BETTS

WE all know the odd filthy so and so.

That friend who could do with an up close and personal with a can of deodorant, or the auntie who should really iron her clothes once in a while.

Then there's that odd guy at work who could do with brushing his teeth more than once a month.

Most of us can cope with that person for the odd hour or two, but you wouldn't necessarily want to pop round their house for tea and biscuits, unless maybe threatened with death.

So spare a thought for Channel 4 duo Kim and Aggie, who are to grease and grime what Batman and Robin are to fighting crime.

In *How Clean Is Your House?* they may be spared having to dine with their subjects, but the unenviable task of wiping a cloth round the grubby stranger's toilet bowl or sticking their hand down the back of a sofa that's been sitting in a dog hair-infested living room since the dawn of time, is no walk in the park either.

To be fair it's not a very entertaining show in all and the formula remains pretty much the same week in, week out, but it does have that 'I can't believe what I'm seeing' factor that often makes it hard to look away from these kind of shows.

If nothing else it's the kind of half-hour of TV that will make you want to jump up, grab a duster and a can of Mr Muscle and give the living room the once over for five minutes, which can be no bad thing in all.

Harry Enfield has returned to ped-



CLEANING UP: Kim (above) and Aggie who co-host Channel 4's *How Clean Is Your House?*

dle his distinctive brand of infantile humour with Paul Whitehouse.

In the early 90s you couldn't walk down a street without hearing one of these pair's catchphrases with Whitehouse repeating the feat with the highly rated *The Fast Show* not long after.

Their latest offering, the sketch show *Harry and Paul*, will not have the same impact, but the take-off of Dragon's Den last week was amusing and there were other encouraging signs that made me stick with it for the duration.

If you don't expect too much and can handle the odd bum note then you could certainly do a lot worse.

There's a bit more life left in the old dogs yet.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
RETREATING from the world can cause more trouble than it's worth. If you've been disappointed it doesn't mean you have to cut ties with a person. If one instructor doesn't suit you, find another. A dividend, refund or insurance payment can give you extra money for lessons.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
EXPANDING your horizons is fulfilling and frustrating, your friends and family keep trying to hold you back. They are just worried you'll get hurt. Turn a deaf ear to their warnings. You may make some serious mistakes, but at least they'll be your mistakes.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
IN the past, you may have taken good health for granted. Now you're starting to experience aches and pains, you see you need to be more careful. Eating more nutritious foods and exercise makes a world of difference and you can soon adapt to your new lifestyle.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU'RE eager to explore greener pastures, but may not have the opportunity. While you resent this restriction, you need to accept it. Find different ways to branch out. Armchair travel can be done by reading and watching movies. You might also want to learn a foreign language.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOU could run the risk of losing your identity in a large group. Although the people around you are undeniably talented, they can't make decisions for you. When people learn about your decision, they may try to change your mind. Stand firm. Only you know your own heart.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
LEARNING to share is the first order of business. At times you'll benefit from pooling your resources with a friend, and at others the going could get slow, just go with it. You're learning a lesson about intimacy. You'll also start questioning some of your attitudes toward money.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
FOR weeks, you've been focused on family responsibilities. Now you're being given a golden opportunity to relax. People are starting to look to you for guidance. Your students will respond more readily to your lessons if you approach them with energy and enthusiasm.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOU need to rein in your spending. The more you save now, the easier it will be later. Friends may be pressuring you to throw caution to the wind. Turn a deaf ear, you're the one who needs to survive on your bank account. An authority figure admires your restraint, and could reward you.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU'RE making headway careerwise. A power struggle could result in a promotion. Alternatively, you may decide to go into business yourself. Either way, it's time you realised your power. It may be necessary to take on some onerous responsibilities, but you're not afraid.
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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
WORKING with a partner won't be easy, but it will be rewarding. Be ready to have your feelings hurt, especially with regard to the way you approach work. Adopt some of your friend's freewheeling ways and change your routine so you can make space for a new role.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
FAMILY life has its ups and downs. On the one hand, you enjoy spending time with your nearest and dearest, but you can't help but be frustrated by relatives' narrow minded views. The sooner you stop trying to build ideological bridges, the happier your home life will be.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
BE very careful who you trust. Some friends have proven their loyalty, and should be treated accordingly, but someone who has recently joined your social circle is more questionable. Be ready to refuse if asked a favour. Stay close to those who have your best interests at heart.
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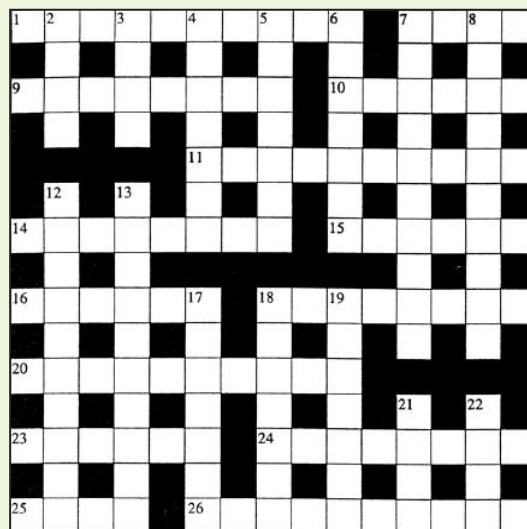
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- 1 Cut only one of the cards first and doubled up (10)
- 7 River gently goes by tent-site (4)
- 9 Splendid old levy? (8)
- 10 Some seven ice-creams bought in the city (6)
- 11 Certain to be successful in three-legged race? (5,2,3)
- 14 Many taking on search for victory (8)
- 15 Remarkable odd jewel in fairground car (6)
- 16 Jack took Elizabeth to head of convent (6)
- 18 Nervously tense when hung by the neck! (6-2)
- 20 Fresh enthusiasm in addition for the country (3,7)
- 23 All-embracing girl about to hit the ball high (6)
- 24 Ready to be won over, having a meal Ben prepared (8)
- 25 Flower sticks audibly! (4)
- 26 Mac should be (10)

DOWN

- 2 A strange plant (4)
- 3 Continue to look up (4)
- 4 VIP has no furniture (7)
- 5 Meet earth-dweller leading chase (7)
- 6 Split had been shared (7)
- 7 United name found in agreement (10)
- 8 Weapon automatically used? (10)
- 12 Accidental accommodation for couple of families under one roof (6-4)
- 13 Press container for accordion (7-3)
- 17 Accept without questioning name of bird (7)
- 18 Sailor and where he might be first obtaining preservative (3-4)
- 19 Hot coloured stag? (3,4)
- 21 Some pasha arrived shrouded in sea-mist (4)
- 22 From Laos as well (4)

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ACROSS

- 1 Embodiment of American finance (4,6)
- 7 Curtain (4)
- 9 Sweetheart (8)
- 10 German composer (6)
- 11 Written works (10)
- 14 Raised price of property after receiving offer (8)
- 15 South African city (6)
- 16 Exhausted (4-2)
- 18 Wrapped up (8)
- 20 Stargazer (10)
- 23 Shellfish soup (6)
- 24 Woollens (8)
- 25 Strange (Scottish) (4)

DOWN

- 2 Hairstyle (4)
- 3 Neil (anag.) (4)
- 4 Slatern (7)
- 5 Made an effort (7)
- 6 Stood on high (7)
- 7 Non-meat-eater (10)
- 8 Arctic vessel (10)
- 12 Impromptu jazz concert (3,7)
- 13 Equal exchange (4,3,3)
- 17 Acrid (7)
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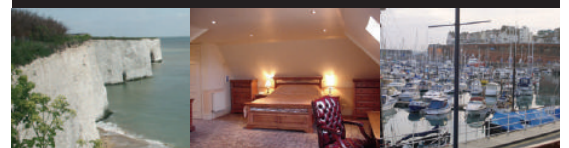
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BY MIKE WATSON

NEXT time you pour yourself a cup of tea, drink a toast to Devastating Emily. That was the lurid nickname of a leaf virus that wiped out the coffee crop in Ceylon in the 1870s.

But a group of mainly Scottish pioneers weren't to be beaten. They were already growing tea – green gold. The plantations they established and the bankrupt coffee estates they bought are still producing some of the best of the world's crop.

Four thousand feet up in the centre of the country, now Sri Lanka, life has hardly changed since those days.

Until recently the area was hardly a holiday region. Transport isn't easy in Sri Lanka; most people travel in crowded buses that hurtle and roar around the hairpin bends.

This is definitely not a self-drive destination and most visitors hire a car with a driver for their trip. You'd be a nervous wreck five minutes after leaving the airport, even if Sri Lankans do drive on the left (in theory).

The four-hour drive from Colombo, the island's capital and site of its only international airport, can be arduous even with a skilled and friendly driver like ours. But it's worth it. Tucked away amid the rolling, vivid green tea



DRINK: Enjoy the dark green hillsides of tea country

estates is Tea Trails, four large bungalows that were once the homes of European planters.

Now tourists sample the luxurious life they once lived, complete with complementary gin and tonics, British cooking and clotted cream high teas.

These historic buildings, with a total of 20 luxurious bedrooms and suites, have been restored by Dilmah, one of Sri Lanka's leading tea producers. Each bungalow has its own manager, butler, chef and gardeners. They all have beautifully-kept grounds and overlook, or are close to, Castlereagh Lake, a reservoir in the Bogawantalawa Valley, known as the

Golden Valley of Tea. And there's plenty to do from your bungalow base. Activities include white water rafting, mountain biking, kayaking on the lake and treks and walks through the hillside tea plantations.

One essential visit is to one of the tea factories, huge three or four-storey multi-windowed buildings where – in less than 24 hours – freshly picked leaves are turned into the black tea we know so well. The tea is taken to Colombo for auction and more than 90 per cent is exported. But you can buy it at one of the many factories, which welcome visitors and have their own shops.

Sri Lanka has plenty of other attractions to offer visitors and we managed to cram in several in our short stay.

The island's beaches are famous and a good stop after a long flight is Negombo, just a few miles from the airport. Sri Lankans are mad on cricket and there were some very promising youngsters playing on the sands.

Also on our itinerary was some culture – two World Heritage Sites, the cave paintings and Buddha statues at Dambulla and the 200-metre high Sigiriya rock fortress and gardens.

And you can't miss the elephants. We saw 50 at dusk by a lake in Kaudulla National Park, and later visited the Pinnewala elephant orphanage, where around 80 animals of all ages live and bathe twice a day in the nearby river under the gaze of the tourists.

But my lasting memory of Sri Lanka will be the dark green hillsides of the tea country.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Website makes the right moves for a good profit

PROPERTY listings site Rightmove has reported a strong set of financial results for the first half of the year, despite the turbulence in the market.

Revenue for the six months ending June 30 was up by 49 per cent to some £37.8 million, in comparison to a figure of £25.4 million for the same period last year.

This allowed the site to generate operating profit of £20.8 million, up 58 per cent from £13.2m for the same period in 2007.

The increases in revenue and profit have been driven by a rise in the average revenue per advertiser, which is up from £234 per month last year to £317 over the period.

Approximately 90 per cent of all the residential property advertised for sale in the UK appears on the site, with Rightmove now the dominant force in the industry.

"These strong results, coming at a time of severe housing market difficulties, are evidence of the strength of the Rightmove proposition and the loyalty of our customers," said Ed Williams, group managing director.

"We are redoubling our efforts to ensure that Rightmove generates the enquiries from prospective homebuyers which our customers so desperately need."

Positive outlook for buy-to-let investors

MORTGAGE brokers remain positive about the prospects for professional buy-to-let investors but are unsure about amateur landlords, a survey undertaken by market analysts has revealed.

The study from The Mortgage Works, said that while 45 per cent thought they would maintain their portfolio as it is, 49 per cent said they expected professional investors to acquire new properties this year.

This is up from 44 per cent six months ago, suggesting intermediaries are becoming more optimistic about landlords' ability to negotiate the credit crunch successfully.

In contrast, there has been a significant increase in the proportion of brokers who feel amateur landlords will not acquire new properties.

Fee suspension stamps out mortgage struggles

Scheme also helps first-time buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

STAMP duty has been suspended for a year on properties that cost less than £175,000 in a bid to boost the housing market and keep people struggling with repayments in their homes.

The move forms part of an emergency rescue package for home buyers and owners and was designed to help those who are facing repossession to stay in their homes.

Under the scheme, which will cost £1bn, vulnerable families will be offered the chance to sell their home and rent it back at a cheaper price.

They can sell the property to a registered social landlord who will clear the mortgage and then offer them a cheaper price in rent.

They will also have the opportunity to enter into shared ownership of the property.

The policy is designed to help families struggling with mortgages, but also those attempting to get on to the property ladder.

First-time buyers whose household income is less than £60,000 will be able to buy newly built properties with an equity loan of up to 30 per cent of the property's value.

Communities secretary Hazel Blears said: "This is about those families out there who want to get a house of their own, or those struggling with a mortgage."

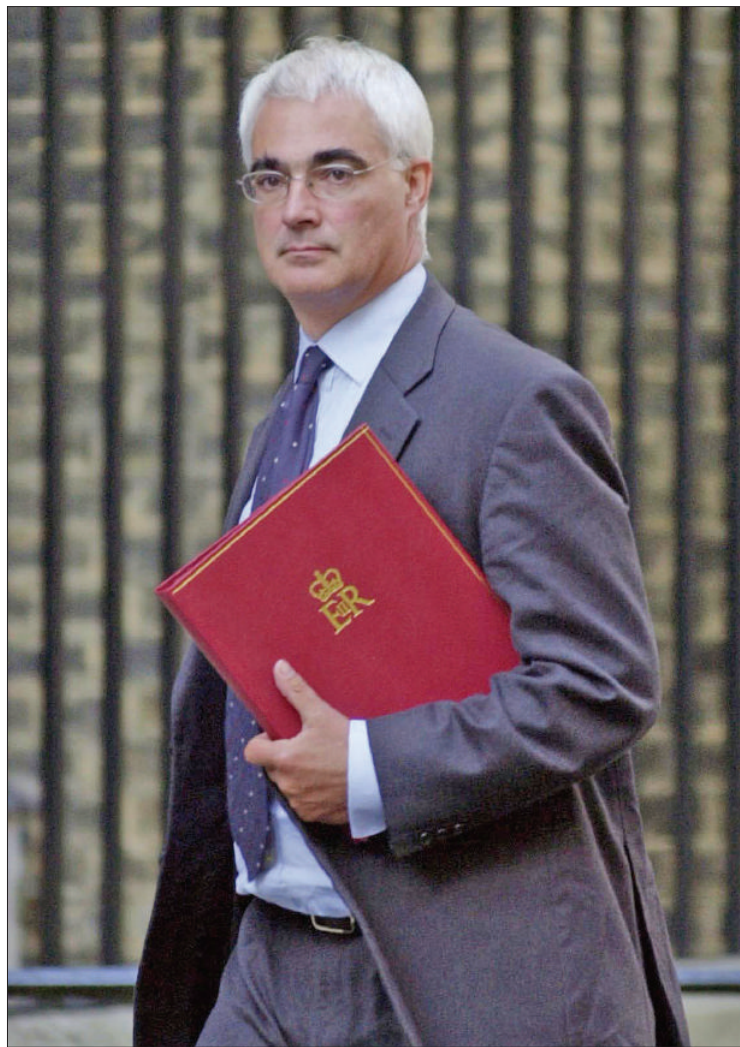
"The Government has a responsibility to help," she said.

Recent figures show the number of homes being repossessed hit their highest level for 12 years during the first half of the year.

Around 18,900 properties were taken back by lenders - 48 per cent more than during the same period of 2007.

Last month the Chancellor Alistair Darling was accused of damaging the faltering housing market when he refused to rule out a temporary suspension of stamp duty.

Estate agents claimed this was making buyers "wait and see" what might happen amid already dire house sales data.



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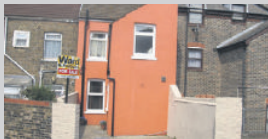
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MOTORS NEWS



Jeep powers to trio of awards in 4x4 division

DEMAND for 4x4s may be sliding, but 'classic' off-road brands like Jeep are expected to survive, especially after scooping three categories in 4x4 Magazine's prestigious 4x4 of the Year awards.

Nearly 70 vehicles were tested and Jeep took the budget, mid-size and extreme honours with its Patriot, Cherokee and Wrangler models respectively.

The magazine's editor John Carroll said: "The fuel efficient Patriot is a deserving winner for Budget 4x4 – on-road dynamics are excellent, with good handling and pleasant ride quality allied to a practical and roomy interior."



Renaultsport cheaper with Twingo scorcher

IT is now cheaper, but no less exciting to enter the world of Renaultsport, thanks to the launch of the hottest Twingo hatchback so far.

The £11,550 Renaultsport 133 version should deliver a lot of fun as well as much-needed cachet to a line-up that has so far failed to capture buyers' imagination in the hard-fought city car segment.

The newcomer is also available with optional tuned 'Cup' chassis with lowered ride height, stiffer springs and dampers plus 17-inch alloys for enhanced driving experience.



Jazz ups the tempo for the downsizing brigade

FULL marks go to Honda for the timing of its all-new Jazz supermini/MPV.

Priced from £9,990, it arrives in October as the downsizing trend gathers tempo from higher fuel and road tax costs and the drive to greener motoring.

The original Jazz was a revelation with its compact dimensions and space-ship interior plus clever lift-up rear seat bases for added load flexibility; its only real faults were gawky lines and an overly firm ride – addressed by a midlife makeover.



THE REAL DEAL: Ford's new Kuga launched earlier this year may be one of the meanest and cleanest SUVs on the market, but this counts for little with some environmentalists

Ford's new Kuga proves impressive yet frustrating

FORD kept the UK market waiting for a decent 4x4 or sports utility vehicle (SUV).

The Maverick was a contradiction cloned from the Nissan Terrano, while the big American-sourced Explorer was all too appropriately named – oil prospecting was required to keep it in fuel.

Now we have something more impressive, but times have changed in the 4x4 sector, for the Kuga launched earlier this year may be one of the meanest and cleanest SUVs on the market, but this counts for little with some environmentalists.

The car's single engine option for now is a 2.0-litre TDCi turbodiesel averaging more than 40mpg and emitting just 169g/km of CO2 – the lowest emissions in its sector and just inside the £170/year road tax Band-E.

But do not bet against Ford tweaking the engine management to limbo beneath the 165g upper limit on Band-D (£145/year), or introducing a lower capacity 'eco' version.

Every little helps and the car's relative frugality and eco-friendliness may just be the incentive would-be buyers need to give the

ROAD TEST FORD KUGA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Kuga a fair trial; once they have, they will be impressed.

Other compact 4x4s claim the 'best driving' crown, but the Kuga feels like the real deal.

Based on the known excellence of the Ford Focus platform with some input from Ford-owned Volvo, the Kuga feels as lithe and sharp as the big cat that inspired its name.

There is ample low power for spirited driving, aided by a crisp six-speed 'box and there is tenacious grip and excellent body control on the bends, without the fidgety ride that mars some rivals.

As with the latest Mondeo, the Kuga also shows Ford's ambition to move upmarket; the styling is sharp and distinctive and interior fixtures and fittings are way above 'typical Ford' of a few years ago while standard kit includes keyless start, 17-inch alloys, air con, electronic stability programme (ESP) and MP3 audio compatibility.

But prices start at £20,495 for the mainstream Zetec version with the Titanium flagship I drove priced at £22,495, though Ford still prices with discounts in mind.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

4x4 ON THE CHEAP

SOARING fuel and tax costs, plus the economic downturn, have clobbered second-hand values for big thirsty 4x4s, but the redefined market has firmed up prices on smaller 'rough and tough' drives. Fact is some people who bought 4x4s originally, have become used to the extra grip and higher driving position even if they don't tend to seek out serious off-roading. So, forced to sell their bigger 4x4s, many may be looking to downsize to budget all-wheel-drive alternatives although these are not without their drawbacks – including less space.

FIAT PANDA 4x4



MAYBE not quite the typical 'butch' 4x4, but the Panda makes a surprisingly tough little customer for urban and rural users, thanks to under body protection and greater ride height. Despite Fiat's past reputation for poor reliability, the Panda has also proved itself as dependable as it is practical thanks to the boxy yet stylish five-door city car body. In sharp contradiction to the 'gas guzzling' image of 4x4s, the Fiat's 1.2-litre petrol engine should average more than 40mpg too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

SUZUKI JIMNY



PRETTY it ain't, but the Jimny has long been pretty much the cheapest 'proper' off-roader on the UK market. If you really do need cut-price 4x4 clout in challenging conditions then this is the car. However, that ability brings penalties; the Jimny is rather bouncy, primitive and crude on-road so it is not a 4x4 to buy for image-conscious town dwellers, but the car is frugal, cheap to run and prices are sensible for a reliable and durable little 4x4.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

DAIHATSU TERIOS



THIS is really a tale of two cars. The original Terios was reasonably capable off-road, but on-road refinement was poor even if the car's reliability has proved to be bulletproof and it makes a good used buy. The new version, launched in 2006, has far better ability in both departments, but is probably still too young to be found in numbers on the used market. Power is exclusively petrol in both cases, but they are reasonably economical and low emission.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Running costs	★★★★★
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C6, 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2006, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel saloon, grey, 12730 miles, £19995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2004, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr auto diesel estate, oriental blue, 47265 miles, £9495, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

SAXO, 1.6i 16v VTS Hatchback 3d 156v sx 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 63973 miles, £5995, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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Fast approaching a winter of discontent, 46, tall, bright, could be my big fire and toasted marshmallow? Box 918163 **1**

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ON A PLATE

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Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music, etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 **1**

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Young looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999 **1**

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You will lead the Social Work department in developing a strategic plan for the progression of the social work service within the unit, providing visible social work leadership and input.

You must have comprehensive experience of working in a social work role within a learning disability/mental health setting together with previous supervisory experience. You will have an in-depth understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000, relevant legislation and best practice and be able to work according to these requirements. Relevant qualifications and valid registration with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) are required for this role.

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£25,577 pa (pro-rata for part time)

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You will support the Senior Social Worker in delivering a high calibre, visible social work service to the unit.

You will possess a Diploma in Social Work or recognised equivalent and must be registered or eligible to register as a Qualified Social Worker with the General Social Care Council (GSCC). You will possess previous experience working within a healthcare/learning disability environment and will have comprehensive understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000 and other relevant legislation and be able to work according to these requirements.

ADMINISTRATION

ROTA & KPI CO-ORDINATOR

£17,010 pa – 37.5 hours per week

You will have overall responsibility for the management of 4 weekly rosters and co-ordinating the resourcing requirements of the nursing and care department, including allocating overtime, agency and bank shifts to staff. You will manage the Time Attendance Rostering System (TARS), ensuring accurate information is inputted, and the collation and production of accurate unit operational KPIs.

You will possess previous experience of rostering (both creation and management) and experience in dealing with and analysing statistical and financial information. You will have excellent communication and IT skills, be able to work independently and as a part of a team and be able to work to deadlines in a pressurised environment.

EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TUTORS – COMMUNICATION, DAILY LIVING SKILLS & SPORTS/FITNESS

£17,010 pa – 37.5 hours per week (3 posts)

You will assess patient skills in your identified activity area, plan activities according to individual needs, produce individual learning plans and facilitate learner involvement setting positive, achievable targets in line with service guidelines. You will maintain daily records and submit detailed written reports on patient progress for reviews and assessment meetings.

You will have previous experience of planning, delivering and evaluating activities and supporting adults within your identified activity area in a healthcare/learning disability environment. You will possess highly developed organisational skills, be able to manage own workload accordingly and possess a full UK Driving Licence and be willing to drive Company vehicles. An initial teaching qualification (C&G, 7303 PTLLS or equivalent) and activity area related qualification is desirable.

TEACHER – BASIC SKILLS

£21,805 pa – 37.5 hours per week

You will design and deliver individually tailored educational programmes to meet patient needs, carry out assessments, produce individual learning plans and, mentor and develop members of the Education, Rehabilitation and Skills Development Department. You will facilitate learner involvement, oversee the regular review of patient goals and take a lead role in an agreed area of development/responsibility.

You will hold a teaching qualification (Cert.Ed., B.Ed, PGCE or recognised equivalent), possess comprehensive experience of planning and delivering educational sessions and have previous supervisory experience. You will be able to effectively organise and manage your own workload, be an excellent communicator and be able to develop and maintain positive working relationships with patients, colleagues and external agencies.

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£9,808 pa – 22.5 hours per week (to be worked across 5 days)

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You must be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and
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Excellent communication skills are therefore essential as well
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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application
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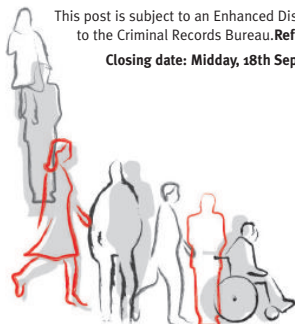
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Ref: CFE/08/0444

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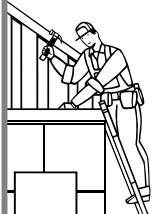
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Virtually missing out

MORE than three-quarters of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the south east now claim to offer some form of flexible working, says BT Business.

So it's easy to see that with the advent of hi-tech tools – such as wireless hotspots, mobile technologies, and broadband – it's now easier to work anywhere.

However, a report backed by BT, IT Skills for Flexible Working, by independent forecasting think tank The Centre for Future Studies, says few SMEs are using the most up-to-date practices where technology is fully integrated to create a virtual office.

To download a copy of the report, go to <http://www.insight.bt.com/reports/>.

Educating employees

A TRAINING, development and coaching consultancy says more Kent businesses are taking a long-term view in the current economic downturn and investing in training.

Trish Jordan, co-director of Ashford-based Rich Picture, said: "It is encouraging to see more companies in Kent requesting support for coaching and training."

Many businesses are looking at ways to reduce costs, often by redundancies. However, the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD) has seen a number of businesses reversing this trend by taking a long-term view and investing more in their staff.

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Business editor Tony Patey takes a look at the latest developments on the scene

Efficiency is the key to cutting back spending

■ BY TONY PATEY

RESEARCH shows two out of every three small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are doing all they can to be energy efficient or are desperate for help on how to reduce energy usage.

Badar Khan, managing director of British Gas Business, told KOS Media that at a time of rising inflation, increasing costs across the board and reductions in entrepreneurs' tax relief, SMEs in Kent are feeling the pinch.

He said: "As they look at ways to cut costs, we think they could be missing some small tricks that could have a big impact."

"Research conducted by Ipsos MORI shows 61 per cent of SMEs believe they are doing all they can to be energy efficient and a similar number are crying out for help and advice on how they can further reduce their energy usage."

He recommends four ways of cutting energy use and saving money on energy bills – ways that have worked at his firm's Leicester office, where they've reduced electricity consumption by 13 per cent and gas by 50 per cent.

Mr Khan said this has helped the office save 455 tonnes of carbon dioxide and £58,000 on energy bills.

His four top tips are:

- Education. Did you know that leaving a photocopier on overnight wastes enough energy to make 1,500 A4 copies, and just 7cm of insulation on your hot water boiler and lagging of water pipes will save energy and prevent burst pipes in cold weather?

Teach your people to help them realise they can all make a real difference: reducing these costs will be good news for everyone.

- Dissemination. Designate a 'green team' whose responsibility it is to make sure energy efficient measures are implemented quickly. It's their responsibility to educate colleagues about the company's 'green' policies and make sure everything is switched off at the end of the day. Just turning off lights at night can cut your lighting bill by 15 per cent.

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CUT BACK: Badar Khan recommends some easy ways to reduce spending by raising awareness and turning things off

energy efficiency at home, at work few people seem to know where the buck should stop.

- Visualisation. Putting up posters and stickers around the workplace will remind people what they can do to save energy – and money. Also, turning down your thermostat by one degree can shave eight per cent of your energy bill.

- Action. Installing time switches to shut machines down overnight can help you make significant savings over the course of a year

and cavity wall insulation and draft excluders can reduce heat loss and energy consumption by up to 35 per cent.

For those looking at longer term savings, consider generating your own energy through new technologies such as solar photovoltaic and combined heat and power (CHP) systems.

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Pro40 promotion least Kent deserve, says Key



CHANCE: Rob Key is hoping for better luck against Essex

KENT skipper Rob Key believes a win against old adversaries Essex this weekend – and with it promotion from Division Two of the Pro40 – is the least his side deserves.

The Spitfires sit in second spot behind Essex going into the final game of the season at Canterbury on Saturday.

A win for Key's side would not only ensure promotion, but it may also earn them the Division Two title if Yorkshire fail to win their final two games.

The game pits together two sides who are arguably the best one-day teams in the country and there have already been a number of big clashes between the pair.

The defeat to Essex in the Friends Provident Trophy at Lord's last month still haunts Key, but the chance to lift the Pro40 title would help nurse those wounds.

CRICKET

He said: "Promotion from Division Two of the NatWest Pro40 would be the least we deserve after a season spent competing for every prize."

"It has been easy in recent weeks to think that someone up there hasn't wanted us to win anything."

"It has been a real test of our character, as individuals and as a team. Hopefully, by keeping going forward the way we have, we will get our final reward right at the end."

As well as earning promotion, Kent are still in the hunt for the County Championship Division One title.

Rain prevented them earning any more than seven bonus points in last week's draw

against relegation-threatened Surrey at St Lawrence that left them nine points behind leaders Nottinghamshire.

A trip to Liverpool to play Lancashire on Wednesday next week is followed by Kent's final game of the season at home to Durham on September 24.

Key believes his side are underdogs to claim the title but still expects it to go down to the wire.

He said: "I would say that Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Durham were all ahead of us in the race for the county title."

"All I hope is that we can keep ourselves in contention until our last game, at home to Durham at Canterbury. Then we would have quite a bit in our own hands and, if everyone is still fit and available, it would be quite a selection decision on our final XI."

Town join first team in the relegation mire

SANDWICH Town 2nd XI made it an unwanted one-two as they emulated the club's first team with relegation from the top flight.

The side went into the final round of matches second from bottom but knew a win at home to Sevenoaks Vine gave them a decent chance of leapfrogging Lordswood 2nd XI to safety.

While rain blighted the majority of matches in the county, Town's game went ahead.

Colin Aldred's 4-32 gave them a lifeline as Vine were restricted to 184-9, but they could not make the most of their opportunity and were all out for 136 to confirm their relegation.

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Park's second string fail to avoid drop

SIBTON Park 2nd XI's remote hopes of escaping relegation were snuffed out by the weather as their final match of the season against Hayes was abandoned.

Nothing less than a resounding victory against their opponents, one place and 17 points better off, was required to escape the drop from Division One 2nd XI.

Persistent rain made playing impossible and they, like the club's first team, will be playing in a lower division next season.

Elsewhere in the division, Folkestone's 2nd string had their match against runners-up The Mote 2nd XI scrapped due to the inclement weather.

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Weather puts a damper on Town's great escape

CRICKET ROUND-UP

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

SANDWICH Town's relegation fate was sealed by the weather as persistent rain forced their final match of the season against Sevenoaks Vine to be abandoned.

The odds were always stacked against the basement side, who needed a big win and other results to go their way to pull off a great escape. In the end, with every side receiving eight points due to the clean sweep of abandonments, Town finished 13 points adrift of safety.

It meant Sandwich's stay in the top flight lasted a single season following promotion as runners-up from Division One in 2007.

A victory against Beckenham in week two boosted hopes they could survive in the Premier Division, but they only managed one other win in the first half of the season.

A brilliant 146 not out from Kent youngster Sam Northeast inspired Sandwich to victory against fellow strugglers Lordswood last month.

It proved to be a false dawn as defeat to St Lawrence in the following game left them with too much to do going into the final round of games.

Sibton Park suffered a similar fate in Division One, relegated by just five points. They at least had the chance to decide their own fate, as their crunch decider against Whitstable survived the worst of the weather.

In a game reduced to 30 overs-a-side, a partnership of 62 between George Leadbetter and Steve Hobbs got them off to a good start but a procession of wickets saw them slump to 115-9 from their allocation.

The equation for them was simple: take ten wickets or be relegated. Unfortunately for the hosts, Whitstable's batsmen produced a stubborn defensive display which saw them inch along at less than three runs an over, finishing on 78-1.

Although Sibton Park claimed a winning draw, it was not enough to prevent a slide into Division Two next season.

Folkestone avoided any such drama, finishing in sixth after a mediocre season where they failed to threaten for promotion and after recovering from a poor start, were also relatively untroubled by thoughts of relegation.

The abandonment did not worry Hythe, who were confirmed as champions of a competitive Division Two, eventually triumphing by 11 points. Arguably their top performer was Ben



TRAPDOOR: Sibton Park (batting) avoided the worst of the weather but could not take the wickets they needed to avoid relegation

Dwyer, who was the division's leading wicket taker with 38 victims at an average of 16.5.

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare were also celebrating after winning the Feeder League East 1A after a 109-run win against Bobbing Court. Just two defeats all season laid the foundation

for the title, finishing well clear of nearest challengers Cowdrey.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close could not maintain the excellent early season form which saw them top the table, finishing down in fourth position.

Whites topple Town to go top of the table

FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

Dover Athletic 3 Ashford Town (Middx) 2

DOVER'S Sammy Moore paid tribute to the club's fans, after receiving 33 stitches for a facial injury sustained during the win that took the Whites to the top of the Ryman Premier League.

"I'd like to thank the great supporters of this club for chanting my name and applauding when I was taken off today. I really appreciate it," Moore told the club's website.

"I've had a bit of bad luck since coming here with a couple of knocks, but hopefully I'll get more luck when I return from this small setback."

Bad luck is one way of putting it. Misfortune of one kind or another often befalls teams who play the Middlesex side and Moore was the recipient this time, copping an elbow in the face after seven minutes.

He was taken to hospital in Canterbury, where a facial surgeon put 30 stitches in his mouth and another three outside.

Moore's recuperation may be eased by the way his team-mates shrugged off two early setbacks to knock the previous leaders



Picture SIMON HARRIS

EQUALISER: Striker Lee Browning scored to help Dover leapfrog Ashford Town to the top of the Ryman Premier

Ashford off the top of the table. "It was great the lads did the job and got three points in the top-of-the-table clash," he said.

"We have a lot of belief we can do great things this season."

Dover fell behind after just two minutes when Paul Johnson's shot was deflected in, but Frannie Collin equalised almost immediately with a far post header.

Ashford regained the lead when Johnson exploited some absentee defending in the 12th-minute, but the crowd of 1,009 was revived when Lee Browning made it 2-2 ten minutes later, brilliantly picking out the top corner.

Justice was done in the 68th-minute when Moore's replacement James Rogers struck the winner into the top right corner.

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Injured striker proves difference once again

FOOTBALL

BUSTER Smissen is still struggling with a mysterious knee injury, but it did not stop him scoring the winning goal for the third successive game.

The striker, who notched 47 goals last season, scored the only goal of a tight match against VCD Athletic to maintain Hythe's unbeaten start to the season and send them up to third in the Kent League's Premier Division.

Town boss Paul Fisk revealed Smissen is still not 100 per cent fit as doctors struggle to reach a diagnosis.

He said: "He's had it looked at by three different people, but no-one has come up with a solution."

"He will gradually get fitter so there's more to come from him, but at the moment he's making a big difference."

"Strikers like him are hard to find. All his goals have been opportunistic in the six-yard box. In games like VCD where there are only a few chances, it is vital."

Smissen's first-half strike helped make up for last season's defeat at Old Road, when Hythe missed a penalty and conceded an injury-time winner.



HAVING FAITH: Hythe's Paul Fisk believes Buster Smissen's knee injury will improve

The sides meet again at Reachfields on Saturday in an FA Cup First Qualifying Round tie. After despatching Ryman South side Walton & Hersham in the last round, Hythe will be hoping to record another win to scoop the £3,000 prize money.

Hythe played Norton Sports last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for the report.

Dover beef up ahead of another tough campaign

RUGBY

EVEN Dover's coach Graham Tonks has trouble remembering how far his side have come in recent seasons.

"I think it's five promotions in six years," he told Yourdover. "But I'm not sure."

They finished runners-up in London 3 South East last season and now face their toughest task yet – a London 2 South division packed with talent. Their opening fixture is at Beckenham on Saturday.

Asked who their toughest opponents would be this season, Tonks replied: "All of them. We're not expecting an easy ride, but we're fully prepared. We've looked at the teams we're going to be playing in the pre-season so we've got a full realisation of what lies ahead."

In an attempt to hit the ground running, Dover have been preparing for the extra demands of this level all summer.

"We started training for this ever since the season ended," said Tonks. "They are better players and you've got to take the impact of the tackles so we've been doing a lot of weight stuff to build ourselves up."



GAME ON: Dover (stripes) and Deal & Betcheshanger start their league campaigns this weekend

Tonks says Dover could still do with reinforcements: "People assume that because we've been together so long we're a closed shop, but we could do with two or three more quality players," he admitted.

Anyone interested should call Graham on 07834 049688.

Deal & Betcheshanger, who were pipped to promotion by Dover when they finished third in London 3 South East last season, begin their campaign with a trip to play Surrey side Purley John Fisher.



Picture LAWRENCE ARNOLD

UP FOR THE CUP: Cugley hopes to end Ramsgate jinx

Seasiders hoping for another FA Cup run

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley is hoping to improve his record against Ramsgate when the sides meet in the FA Cup this weekend.

The Rams won all four league encounters between the clubs during the last two seasons, but Invicta's recent FA Cup pedigree gives them a good chance of causing an upset.

Cugley's side reached the first round proper three seasons ago and almost repeated the trick in the last campaign, falling at the final hurdle against Billericay.

The Seasiders boss is hoping to stay in the hunt on Saturday.

He said: "I have never done very well against Ramsgate. We were very disappointed last year against Billericay because we didn't perform on the day. You always dream about making the first round."

Invicta continued their excellent start to the season with a 2-0 win against Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday. Jimmy Dryden and Andy Pugh were on target to send the club third in Ryman South.

Despite a good start to the season, Cugley believes his team are a long way from reaching their potential.

He said: "We knew it wouldn't happen overnight because we have so many new players, but we are getting there."

"We will get better and stronger as players come back from injury, so I'm quite pleased in that sense because I don't think we'll see the best of Folkestone for another couple of months."

Elsewhere, Gillingham are cool on Folkestone Invicta's hopes of extending Pugh's loan deal.

The 19-year-old's one-month deal runs out next weekend and Cugley is keen to prolong the deal, but Gills boss Mark Stimson will consider the options.

He said: "No disrespect to Folkestone, but it might be he comes back and goes to another level."

"I'm sure they would like to keep him because he's a quality player, but I'll speak to him at the end of his month there."

Invicta played Whyteleafe last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for the report.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson discusses his side's good start to the season

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